GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3973
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2007
RAILWAY PROJECTS IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposed rail projects for which agreement was entered into with the Government of Jharkhand during 2002-03;

(b) whether any timeframe was fixed for completion of said projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said projects are likely to be completed within the fixed timeframe; and

(e): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3973 BY SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI & DR. DHIRENDRA AGARWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.05.2007 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN JHARKHAND

(a): The names of projects for which the State Government of Jharkhand is sharing two- thirds of the project cost as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Ministry of Railways and the State Government of Jharkhand on 19.02.2002 are as mentioned hereunder:-
(i) Koderma−Tilaiya new line;
(ii) Koderma−Ranchi new line;
(iii) Giridih−Koderma new line;
(iv) Deoghar−Dumka new line;
(v) Dumka−Rampurhat new line; and
(vi) Ranchi−Lohardaga gauge conversion with extension up to Tori.

(b) to (e): The projects were proposed to be completed within a period of 5 years from the date of signing the MoU. However, these projects could not be completed in the stipulated timeframe due to delay occurred in land acquisition and receipt of forestry clearance, adverse law and order conditions and failure of contractors. The release of matching funds by the State Government has also been not in time.